Dec 13-14 WAG Agenda

AGENDA - WAG
DEC. 13th

12:00 WELCOME & OVERVIEW
12:20 WDFW UPDATE
1:00 FUNDAMENTALS OF PROCESS DESIGN
1:45 BREAK
2:00 WAG & WDFW DECISIONS ON PROCESS DESIGN
4:30 PUBLIC COMMENT
5:00 TRANSITION
5:30 HUNTER’S VOICE: PART 1
6:30 CLOSE

AGENDA - WAG
DEC. 14th

7:30 HUNTER’S VOICE: PART 2
9:30 LESSONS LEARNED IN RANGE RIDING + DETERRENCE MEASURES
10:15 BREAK
10:30 INDIVIDUAL PRODUCER PLAN
11:30 DPCA’S /LUNCH/BREAK
1:45 TOPICS
2:30 PUBLIC COMMENT
3:00 CLOSE
WAG and WDFW working in small groups
WAG and WDFW “key thoughts” after hearing diverse perspectives from hunters (as part of a mutual learning and understanding effort for WAG and WDFW to hear from livestock producers, environmentalists and hunters):

- Key to management is good data, good #s, mutual understanding.
- Different perspectives group members have all seen.
- Same program, part of.
- Caves—culturally this is all of us.
- Need more public awareness.
- Hunting community is third leg on milking stool.
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- Landowner liability with hunters.
- Landowners need to address.
- Ethical hunters can stay.
- We've been here before—1916 ESA.
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**KEY LEARNING**

- Dad- Daughter connection is special / Family
- Importance of family having that shared experience
- Youth-nature - need to foster their involvement
- Hunting as gateway to conservation
- Being reminded of contribution history to conservation
- Tribal subsistence hunting - high #s
- Respect for the experience
- Urgency of hunting community getting smaller & relate to $ 
- Perception of hunters (TV)

**KEY LEARNING / PERSPECTIVES**

- Concern abt Rise in messaging around killing, Not experience / passion how to change?  
- Need to change public perception / hunting reputation  
- Tribal - historical, cultural, subsistence challenges  
- We have national parks b/c of hunters & there is no hunting 
- Human population growth  
- Hunter takes responsibility for animal 
- Different groups - same goals  
- Youth engagement  
- It is opportunity to connect w/ natural world
WAG and WDFW developed a draft mission statement for WAG
Mission of WAG

Diverse group of stakeholders
Implement wolf C+M Plan (or 1, 2, 3, 4 of in plan)

Help producers achieve a goal in a changing world
Viable business
Fostering the quality of public dialogue, decision-making
Knowledge around wolves/apex predators/endangered species

Real world tangible decisions that all stakeholders can count on

3 Pronged:
- Keep agriculture whole rural communities
- Monitor

In WMP:
1. Restore wolf pop. < sustainable ~ well distributed,
   maintain
2. Manage wolf-livestock conflicts in a way that minimized livestock losses while not
   negatively impacting recovery
   achieving (Needs to be broader)
3. Maintain healthy/robust ungulate peps that provide abundant prey: for wolves/predators + ample harvest opp. for hunters
4. Develop public understanding of
   constraints needs of wolves in WA: for coexistence

Draft mission statement for WAG
WAG developed and decided on a draft method for making decisions together based on "sufficient consensus"
Livestock producers from Idaho and Montana and a county commissioner from Idaho shared their lessons learned on coexisting with wolves.
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WAG, WDFW and technical resource guests shared their perspectives on creating conditions to prevent wolf-livestock losses.
Specific applications of deterrence measures for Producer M individual plan

- Environmentalists are supportive + calm if relocation/lethal is needed. No reactivity in crisis.

- Adaptive Management/lessons learned process/discussions after crisis event.

- Assess situation, select tools, implement trained and practice ahead.

Nick: “During ramp up, we’re going to try everything we can” ref. to electric fence (optional).

Other Considerations:

- Timing of use of nonlethals.
- Conflict specialists are critical resources/assets.
- Local level WAG-type process on prevention/.$.
- Training protocol for those involved on ground – not just WDFW staff.
- Don’t be too prescriptive. Assess 1st b/c not every tool works or in every situation.
WAG, WDFW, and technical resource guests explored both criteria for and quality of DPCA-Ls.